

TEMPORARY HOUSING OF HORSES FOR DAVIE RESIDENTS

Before and After a Hurricane

The bond between horses and their human owners is strong. Horse owners in hurricane prone areas have a large responsibility to be sure that their animals are provided for in the event a hurricane threatens their area. As in many areas of our lives, planning well in advance pays off. Waiting until the storm watch is posted may be too late for you and your animals.

Remember.....

A storm watch means a hurricane poses a threat within 36 hours. A storm warning means a hurricane is expected to strike the area within 24 hours. Make arrangements well before hurricane season (begins June 1 of each year) to insure that your animals have the best chance to survive at the worst with minor injuries.

Local Hurricane Turn-Out Site Location

Once a hurricane warning has been issued, a site located at **4005 Hiatus Road/Robbin's Lodge Open Space Park**, for horses owned by Davie residents only, will open. This site will reopen to retrieve your horses when the winds have subsided to a minimum of 40 mph.

Important

You are encouraged to visit the site for yourself before completing your registration form to determine whether you feel it is safer than your current situation. **Remember, this turn-out site is for horses that live in Davie and are owned by Davie residents ONLY.**

Broward County

Broward County already has in place the "Large Animal Disaster Plan" which identifies all post hurricane needs for horses. Summarized, the plan includes coordination of and information about:

1. Identification of Veterinarian Mobile Units. There are currently nine units.
2. Large Animal disaster Emergency Response Team.
3. Livestock transportation available after a hurricane.
4. Valuable tips and referral sources for horse owners.

The Broward County plan is adequate in addressing the vital issues in case of injury of horses, as well as facilities to hold them after the storm, in case a horse is injured or cannot be immediately claimed by the owner. Please visit their website at **www.broward.org/disaster or contact them at (954) 831-4000.**

Therefore, on a local level, we have concentrated our efforts in directing the development of a temporary neighborhood center to serve as a holding area before and during a hurricane **for Davie residents only.**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact **Bonnie Stafiej, Director of Special Projects at (954)797-1163 or bonnie_stafiej@davie-fl.gov.** When a storm warning is issued is not the time to call with questions, do it now.

Obtain this information On-line

Download this information by visiting the Town of Davie web site at **www.davie-fl.gov**. Click on Hurricane Info and then select Large Animal Hurricane Release Program.

Registration Procedure

A registration fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) per horse will be required and included with your registration forms. **No registration will be available at site.**

You must obtain and complete the following forms prior to bringing your horse to the hurricane turn-out site:

1. A completed and signed Animal Registration Form.
2. A completed, signed and notarized General Release Agreement.
3. A completed and signed Good Samaritan Act: Immunity From Civil Liability Form.
4. Proof of your residency (current utility bill).
5. An original notarized copy of your horse's current negative coggins report that **clearly shows the owner's address.**
6. Photo (profile) of your horse with your horse's name, owner's name, address and emergency contact number on the back of the photo.
7. A check made payable to the Town of Davie in the amount of \$20.00 per horse.

Stallions will not be permitted for obvious reasons. Please do not bring hay or feed for your horses during their stay, water will be provided. Secure horse trailer arrangements for your horses now. If you have a trailer, try to buddy up with other horse owners going to and from the site.

Identifying your animals well is a crucial part of getting them returned to you in the event that they get loose during the disaster. There are a number of recommended ways of clearly identifying your horse(s):

1. Spray paint your telephone number, including area code, on the side of your animal(s) with a contrasting shade of acrylic paint.
2. Braid luggage tags into the mane and/or tail of your horse(s) with your name, address, telephone numbers, and possibly with the numbers of out of area contacts. Be sure the information is written in waterproof ink, and tape the tags to waterproof them further.
3. Fetlock or mare bands with the appropriate information in waterproof ink.
4. Put the information in a sealed plastic bag, and tape it securely to the halter.

Please register your horses well in advance. The number of horses accepted is limited. Positive identification for each horse must be confirmed before removing your horse(s) from the site. You may obtain registration information by visiting the Town of Davie web site at **www.davie-fl.gov** then click on Hurricane Info and then select Large Animal Hurricane Release Program or you can mail a self-addressed stamped envelope with your name, address, and zip code to:

**Town of Davie
Temporary Housing for Horses
6591 Orange Drive
Davie, FL 33314
Attn: Bonnie Stafiej**

Please mail or bring by your completed forms and payment to the above address. A confirmation form will be mailed to all accepted horse owners. Applications received without the above forms will be mailed back to applicant without a confirmed reservation.

Animal Registration Form

Program is for Davie Residents Only

PLEASE PRINT NEATLY AND CLEARLY

Owner's Name: _____

Home Address: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Work Phone Number: _____

HORSE'S IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

(please attach a profile photo of each horse)

Stallions will not be permitted!

HORSE'S NAME	COLOR	SEX	BREED	AGE
1. _____				
2. _____				
3. _____				
4. _____				

Total amount enclosed \$ _____ (\$20.00 per horse)

Please make sure this form is accompanied by:

- An original notarized copy of your horse's negative coggins report
- A signed and notarized General Release Agreement
- A signed "Good Samaritan Act" form
- Proof of your residency (current utility bill)

Make check payable and mail to:

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TEMPORARY HOUSING GENERAL RELEASE AGREEMENT

Let it be known that "Owners of Premises" is the Town of Davie and "Lessee of Premises" is the Town caretaker or agent, shall hereinafter be referred to as "Owner and Lessee". Let it also be known that the property located at **4005 Hiatus Road/ Robbin's Lodge Park** shall hereinafter be referred to as "The Site". It is further known that hurricane turn-out registrants shall hereinafter be referred to as "owner of livestock".

This agreement shall serve to hold harmless Owner and Lessee from any and all actions resulting from injury or loss to any person choosing to release livestock at the site. It is also known that the site is being offered in accordance with the Good Samaritan Act and any parties in connection with the site, Owner and Lessee, shall not be responsible for any loss. It is further agreed that by the release of livestock, the owner of said livestock understands and agrees that Owner and Lessee does not imply or state in any way that the site is deemed safe.

"The owner of livestock shall fully release the Town of Davie, its officers, employees, or agents from any and all liability related to any losses that owners of livestock may incur due to the services provided herein, or any injury to livestock occurring while livestock is present upon the Town of Davie property. Nothing herein shall be deemed a waiver of sovereign immunity by the Town of Davie or act to grant to any party any rights herein."

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THE GENERAL RELEASE AGREEMENT AND UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, OPERATIONS AND EFFECT.

Print Name

Signature

Date

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this ____ day of _____, 2006.

Notary Seal

Notary Public Signature

GOOD SAMARITAN ACT: IMMUNITY FROM CIVIL LIABILITY

AN ACT relating to civil liability, prescribing the conditions under which a person rendering aid at the scene of a motor vehicle accident or disaster will be held liable for civil damages; provides an effective date.

WHEREAS, a person who is present at the scene of an accident or emergency is under no legal duty to aid the victim or victims thereof, and

WHEREAS, the fear of a suit for damages based on civil liability may cause laymen and doctors who might otherwise be inclined to help a victim at an accident or emergency to be reluctant to offer their aid, and

WHEREAS, the provisions of this act, known as the Good Samaritan Act, may erase this deterrent and may save a life by rendering assistance to a victim in an accident or emergency, NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA:

- 1) This act shall be known and cited as the “Good Samaritan Act”.
- 2) Any person, including those licensed to practice medicine, who gratuitously and in good faith renders emergency care or treatment at the scene of an emergency outside of a hospital, doctor’s office, or other place having proper medical equipment, without objection of the injured victim or victims thereof, shall not be held liable for any civil damages as a result of such care or treatment or as a result of any act or failure to act in providing or arranging further medical treatment where the person acts as an ordinary reasonable prudent man would have acted under the same or similar circumstances.
- 3) Any person, including those licensed to practice veterinary medicine, who gratuitously and in good faith renders emergency care or treatment to an injured animal at the scene of an emergency on or adjacent to a roadway shall not be held liable for any civil damages as a result of any act or failure to act in providing or arranging further medical treatment where the person acts as an ordinary reasonable prudent man would have acted under the same or similar circumstances.

I have read and agree with the above Florida States SS 768.13 1991 (Revised 6/20/01)

Signature of Horse Owner

Date